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Summary Information

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Biographical Note

David Barr Robb was born in Ireland on July 12, 1771, and came to America in 1775, settling first in Pennsylvania, then Kentucky (1786), and finally Gibson County, Indiana (1800). David married Nancy Eckley in 1800 and had ten children. He served in the War of 1812. Mr. Robb was in the Indiana House of Representatives, the Indiana Senate, and was a member of the 1816 Constitutional Convention. He died on April 15, 1844.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains photostats and typed pages which include family charts, a page from the family Bible, an 1830 speech about Mr. Robb given by Eliza Brownlee, undated genealogical information, and biographical information about David Robb and Joseph Eckley.

David's father, Captain James Robb, was a merchant in Ireland but was arrested and sent to prison for transporting sassafras, during the tea crisis with the colonies. James escaped and came to America. Mr. and Mrs. Robb had six boys and one girl: Thomas, Davy, James, John, Henry,, Hugh, and Nellie.

David Barr Robb had a distinguished career in the early years of Indiana's history. He was a justice of the peace in Knox and Gibson Counties, was a county surveyor and land registrar. He was an officer during the War of 1812. After serving in the territorial House of Representatives (1813-14), David was in the Indiana House of Representatives (1820-23, 1825, 1828-29) and the Indiana Senate (1829-30). Mr. Robb was a member of the 1816 Constitutional Convention. He died on April 15, 1844, at the age of 72.

Lieutenant Joseph Eckley, of Washington County, Pennsylvania, was killed by Indians during the Revolution. Joseph and Susan Rickets Eckley had a daughter, Nancy, born October 2, 1779. Nancy married David Barr Robb. She died July 29, 1855, in Princeton, Indiana.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Family Name(s)

· Robb family

Geographic Name(s)

• Gibson County (Ind.)

Personal Name(s)

• Robb, David Barr

Subject(s)

- Family history
- Genealogical research
- Photostat